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SUBJECT: YARG AMBASSADOR TO US PROPOSED AS SANA UNIVERSITY  
PRESIDENT

1. CONTRARY TO EARLIER STORIES, YARG AMBASSADOR TO US  
HASSAN MAKKI HAS RETURNED TO US TO TAKE UP HIS POST AGAIN.  
HE WAS RUMORED FOR VARIOUS ASSIGNMENTS HERE.

REPORT IN SANA THIS WEEK IS THAT MAKKI WILL BE APPOINTED  
PRESIDENT OF SANA UNIVERSITY BY THE END OF THE YEAR. NO PUBLIC  
ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE. THERE HAVE BEEN NO INDICATIONS THUS  
FAR WHO WOULD SUCCEED MAKKI IN WASHINGTON POST.

2. THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE OVER THE PAST YEAR TO  
APPOINT A YEMENI AS HEAD OF UNIVERSITY. SINCE UNIVERSITY BEGAN  
FUNCTIONING 1972, PRESIDENT HAS BEEN AN EGYPTIAN BROUGHT FROM KUWAIT  
UNIVERSITY AND CHANGED ON A YEARLY BASIS. ALMOST ALL PROFESSORS  
ARE FOREIGN, MOSTLY EGYPTIAN, AND THEY ARE WELL PAID. JM  
KUWAIT HAS PROVIDED MOST OF THE FUNDS FOR ESTABLISHING AND RUNNING  
SANA U. APPROX ONE-THIRD OF STUDENT BODY CONSISTS OF  
EGYPTIAN AND OTHER STUDENTS WHO FAILED TO GET INTO  
SCHOOLS AT HOME. SOME YEMENIS THINK UNIVERSITY IS RUN  
MORE FOR BENEFIT OF OTHERS THAN OF YEMEN.

3. MAKKI MAY NOT TAKE POST. HE IS LEFTIST CRITIC  
OF AL-HAMDANI BUT TOLD CHARGE HAMDANI NOW IN SUCH A STRONG  
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POSITION THAT ONLY TIME OFFERED ANY PROMISE OF WEAKENING

HIM. MAKKI SAYS THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES "BEST THING  
FOR ME TO DO IS GO BACK TO US". MAKKI BELIEVES HAMDI CANNOT  
FULFILL EXPECTATIONS WHICH ARE NOW GROWING AND WILL INSPIRE  
JEASOUSIES AND CRITICISM AS HE AMMASSES  
POWER AND TURNS COUNTRY AWAY FROM OLD FRIENDS. HE MAY, AS  
HE TOLD CHARGE, WANT TO REMAIN "AT LEAST ANOTHER YEAR" IN  
US BEFORE HE RETURNS TO YEMEN IN HOPES OF DEALING WITH  
A WEAKENED HAMDI.  
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